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Dear Sirs:

**RE: International Application PCT/CA/00/01133**  
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This is in response to the Written Opinion dated September 7, 2001. Reconsideration of the application is requested. The applicants agree that there are multiple independent claims in this application which is completely acceptable practice in several countries around the world many of which the applicants are contemplating for national phase entry. To put the applicants to the expense of recrafting the independent claims for purposes of further examination under European practice would appear to be putting the applicants to unwarranted additional expense. It is believed, for example, that the features of the invention as defined in claim 1 provide the necessary framework for the invention to allow the examiner to conduct proper examination. The essence of the invention is clearly spelled out in claim 1 in respect of the module having electronic devices connected to a pair of electrical conductors where the module is molded with the electronic devices, etc. and embedded in at least one of a transparent opaque and semi-transparent plastic material. Reconsideration

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and evaluation of this feature of the invention versus the prior art uncovered by the International Search Report is requested.

Very truly yours,

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